

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Easter Sunday

When we were in Tijuana, we had Mass early one day at 7 a.m. I had to wake up before the students to prepare for Mass. I remember how dark it was and how the darkness slowly gave way to the light of the sun. All the students were sound asleep. It was powerful, beautiful, and peaceful. When was the last time that you watched a sunrise? The resurrection is very much like a sunrise. It is powerful, beautiful, and peaceful, but most are asleep when it happens. The Gospel of St. Mark recounts to us the women who were the first ones to witness the resurrection because they went out to the tomb *“very early when the sun had risen.”* Everyone else was asleep and had no idea what was happening.

Easter in our time is very much like Easter at the resurrection of Jesus. Most everyone will not notice; the schools continue to do their thing. Even Catholics are tempted to go back to normal life. To do that is to miss the greatest miracle of human history: The New Life in Christ. The rolling away of the stone by an angel means the opening of a new life in the Sacraments of the Church where Christ is made truly present. The angel that the women saw as a young man in a white robe signifies two things. The white robe signifies true joy similar to the white garment we wore at our baptism. The angel is a young man, not an old man, nor an infant, but the age of joy. The resurrection has not old age, in which man knows neither birth nor death, admits of no decay, and requires no increase. May our attentiveness to the resurrection of Jesus give us a glimpse of this powerful, beautiful, and peaceful event. Jesus, the dawn of our salvation is here!

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 13th.

Jesus Christ is risen! Our Operation Rice Bowl journey has ended but working toward global solidarity doesn't have to. Let us continue to **pray** for all those who work for justice and for those who benefit from the programs of Catholic Relief Services, and continue to **learn** how to stay connected with our global family through Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for taking part in the Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

Come and pray with us once a month on the third Sunday for one hour from 2-3 p.m. at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.). Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, April 19, rain or shine. Let us pray for an end to all abortions and healing for all women suffering from post-abortion syndrome. For more information call Kathy St. Hilaire at 671-4836.

“Conversations with Fr. Bob”

Tune in Tuesday, April 14th to *“Conversations with Fr. Bob”*. This week Fr. Bob Camuso will speak with **Dominican Father Michael Fones** from the Catherine of Siena Institute about intentional discipleship. Also joining Fr. Bob is **Jessie Dye**, who serves as the outreach director for Earth Ministry, an organization that seeks to mobilize the Christian community to play a leadership role in building a just and sustainable future.

Natural Family Planning

Learn God's gift of natural family planning with the Couple to Couple League. The series consists of three classes in Gig Harbor, WA from 6-8:30 p.m. on April 24, May 22, and June 19. For information and registration, contact teaching couple Chris and Christine Ryalls at 253-851-7445, or c2.ryalls@gmail.com. NW Website: www.nfp4life.org.

Vacation Church School June 22-26

VCS provides programming for age 4 through grade 6. Youth in grades 7 through 12 next year are encouraged to volunteer in the program in a variety of ways. Vacation Church School is a cooperative effort of Assumption, First Christian, First Congregational, St. James, Sacred Heart and Garden Street churches. It is held at First Christian Church, 495 E. Bakerview Rd. Enrollment is limited, so please register early. Registration begins April 19th and closes May 20th. Watch for registration forms next month. Please contact Jennifer Rick at 647-2374 or Jennifer.rick@comcast.net if you want to volunteer and help with this wonderful ministry.

Wine Gala April 18

Mark your calendar for the 5th annual Knights of Columbus Wine Gala, to be held on Saturday, April 18, at Assumption Gym. This year's event will introduce some new wines from around the world in addition to some standard favorites. Hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment, babysitting. Tickets available at church for \$25. All for a good cause—the Newman Center.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank those whose work usually goes unnoticed: those who serve food in fast-food restaurants, cashiers at the supermarket.



Abortion is a problem for every one of us; we are all one big family. No one can be neutral on abortion; it involves the destruction of an entire group of human beings! Just as we cannot be indifferent to the killing of a newborn baby, so we cannot be indifferent to the killing of a pre-born baby. We all share the responsibility for people who are in danger. Injustice to any person in this world is injustice to all!

April 11 & April 12



Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Col 3:1-4, Gospel (John 20:1-9)

Apr. 12	8:30 a.m.	Mass	Church
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Mass	Church
	6:00 p.m.	No SALT	Upper Room/Assumption

Easter Monday Office Closed

Gospel: (Matthew 28:8-15)

Apr. 13	7:00 p.m.	Edge	Assumption Gym
Mon.			

Gospel: (John 20:11-18)

Apr. 14	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	St. Nicholas
Tues.	5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation	Church
	6:00 p.m.	Mass	Church
	7:00 p.m.	Pax Christi	St. Augustine

Gospel: (Luke 24:13-35)

Apr. 15	1:00 p.m.	WISH	Shaughnessy Hall
Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Mass	Assumption Church
	7:00 p.m.	8:30 Choir	Church
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep.	Shaughnessy Hall

Gospel: (Luke 24:35-48)

Apr. 16	10:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse	St. Clare
Thurs.	10:30 a.m.	Mass	Assumption Church
	6:00 p.m.	Social Justice Committee	Calcutta Rm.

Gospel: (John 21:1-14)

Apr. 17	9:30 a.m.	Loaves and Fishes	Kitchen
Fri.	10:30 a.m.	Mass	Assumption Church

Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, Gospel (John 20:19-31)

Apr. 18	8:30 a.m.	Mass	Winter Chapel
Sat.	3:30 a.m.	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 p.m.	Mass	Church

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, Gospel (John 20:19-31)

Apr. 19	8:30 a.m.	Mass	Church
Sun.	9:45 a.m.	No Coffee Hour	Shaughnessy Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Mass	Church
	1:00 p.m.	John Paul II Celebration	Shaughnessy Hall
	6:00 p.m.	SALT	Upper Room/Assumption

**Assumption School News
733-6133**

Are you looking for a school with a strong Catholic identity, proven academic success, a quality certified faculty, and an atmosphere that promotes achievement, moral behavior, and a host of co-curricular activities? Call Assumption Catholic School (733-6133) for a tour and a meeting with the principal.

Catholic School Education: Many families are called to Catholic school education, but are not able to afford it. If you would like to donate toward our tuition assistance fund, or would like information about establishing an endowment for the school, contact Jennifer Rick, Director of Development, at jrick@school.assumption.org or 733-6133.

Thank you to all Liturgical Ministers who served for the Triduum Liturgies. Through the gifts of each of your ministries, the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil through Easter Sunday were beautiful!

Thank you to Mike and Kay Gougeon who coordinated the reception in the Parish Hall following the Vigil Liturgy to welcome our Neophytes: Erin Adrian, Erin Flynn, Sheena Vessel, Andy Bishop, Emily Devereaux, and Drew Young.

We also welcome Aiden Richard Jakubauskas who was baptized on Easter morning!

Just a reminder that Religious Education is on Easter Break. We resume on April 26th from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Looking ahead...

Please hold in prayer our First Communion Class. They are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on May 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Our last II Tuesday Faith Formation Program will begin with a presentation on their trip to Tijuana by the Newman Center. The panel will be discussing the topic, Economic Difficulties: How my Reason and my Catholic Faith Lead Me Forward. The evening begins with an invitation to join us for the Sacraments: 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation; 6:00 p.m., Mass; 7:00 p.m., Presentation. Our panel is composed of Gus Ayala, Jamie Twining, Jim Thomas from the Missions Office, a medical professional, and Fr. Qui-Thac. Please mark your calendars and join us for this timely, informative, and faith-informed evening.

For an update on Fr. Steve Sallis connect with St. Benedict's website at www.rc.net/seattle/stbenedict.

Retrouvaille of Seattle

Is your marriage tearing you apart?
Retrouvaille, a Catholic Program, can help!

Details: helpourmarriage.com
Spring Program begins: April 24-26 Call: 206-706-2608

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report April 4 & April 5, 2009

Envelopes (187)	\$ 8,942.74
Visitors	\$ 587.50
Children (2)	\$ 3.00
Total Sunday Income	\$ 9,533.24
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 8,097.11

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 640.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 66.00
Assumption School	\$ 71.00